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PRIORITY TO NCC
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Army Staff has expressed displeasure at the low priority being given by several States to the National Cadet Corps;

(b) if so, whether the Government has issued instructions to those State Governments who are not doing enough to look at the huge human potential in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote NCC in each school in all States and Union Territories?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No such displeasure has been expressed by the Chief of Army Staff.

(b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Government provides reservation for recruitment to the Armed Forces, and weightage of marks in the para-military organisations to NCC 'C' certificate holders. The State Governments also provide various incentives to the NCC cadets in employment to State Government Organisations and admission in medical and engineering colleges. To make NCC training more attractive, adventure activities like mountaineering, competition rifle shooting, horse riding, para-sailing, white water rafting, Microlite aircraft flying and scuba diving have been extended to a large number of NCC cadets.